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SUBJ: ARREST OF EDITOR IN SEVILLE

1. BOTH LOCAL AND NATIONAL PRESS CONTINUE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF ARREST OF FEDERICO VILLAGRAN, EDITOR OF CORREO DE ANDALUCIA. VILLAGRAN BEING CHARGED UNDER ARTICLE 127 OF THE SPANISH PENAL CODE WHICH DEALS WITH CRIMES COMPROMISING THE PEACE OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE STATE.

2. APRIL 2, CARDINAL BUENO MONREAL SPENT ONE HOUR WITH VILLAGRAN IN SEVILLE PROVINCIAL PRISON. ACOMPANYING CARDINAL WAS VILLAGRAN'S WIFE. ON SAME DAY IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT JOSE MARIA RUIZ GALLARDON, A PRESTIGIOUS MEMBER OF THE SPANISH LEGAL ESTABLISHMENT, WOULD TAKE UP VILLAGRAN'S DEFENSE.

3. TODAY'S CORREO DE ANDALUCIA, IN BLACK BORDERED FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL, STATES THAT LAST NIGHT MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND PERSONS VISITED CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE TO DELIVER TO HIM 142 PAGES OF SIGNATURES OF LOCAL CITIZENS WHO ARE EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERN OVER THE JAILING OF VILLAGRAN.

THE CARDINAL RECEIVED VISITORS AND PERSONALLY ASKED CORREO TO PUBLISH HIS THANKS TO ALL OF THOSE WHO ONE WAY OR ANOTHER

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